

Resource Typing Definition for Response  
Mass Care Services

## FOOD SERVICE DELIVERY UNIT

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The Food Service Delivery Unit deploys as an operational vehicle with personnel capable of delivering prepared or shelf-stable meals, snacks and drinks. A Food Service Delivery Unit typically works in conjunction with a fixed or field kitchen, which prepares the food that the Food Service Delivery Unit distributes.
<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Mass Care Services
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Unit
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Food Service Delivery Unit: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delivers prepared food directly to survivors and responders</li> <li>2. Delivers meals to a facility or outdoor feeding site OR serves meals directly from the vehicle</li> </ol>
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss logistics for deploying this unit, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, communications, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment.</li> <li>2. Requestor ensures compliance with food safety, sanitation, solid waste and other public health requirements and standards.</li> <li>3. Requestor coordinates the acquisition of supplies such as tables (for serving food), insulated food containers, picnic packs and food safety supplies, which do not come with the resource.</li> </ol>

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER UNIT</b>	Same as Type 2	1 – Driver 1 – Assistant Driver	Personnel are trained in safe food handling practices.
<b>SERVICE CAPABILITY PER UNIT</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Is capable of serving directly from the vehicle	Delivers food to a fixed site for service	Not Specified
<b>DAILY MEAL OUTPUT PER UNIT</b>	Up to 600 meals per day	Up to 1,200 meals per day	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Daily meal output" involves two delivery runs per unit.</li> <li>2. Meal deliveries are constrained by the number of food storage containers available and the storage space for containers within the vehicle.</li> </ol>



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
FOOD SAFETY SUPPLIES PER UNIT	Same as Type 2	1. 1 box of disposable gloves 2. 1 box of hairnets	The site providing the meals for distribution provides food safety supplies.
VEHICLE PER UNIT	A specialty vehicle designed for food delivery; this can be a voluntary agency vehicle, such as an American Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) or a Salvation Army Rapid Response Unit (RRU)	A commercial van equipped to keep insulated containers secure OR a 12-foot to 16-foot box truck	Type 2 vehicles may be rental vehicles.



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### NOTES

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1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. Further guidance on food procurement systems is available from National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster at [www.nvoad.org](http://www.nvoad.org).
3. Further guidance on logistics is available in two documents on the National Mass Care Strategy website (<https://nationalmasscarestrategy.org/>):
  - a. Logistical Considerations for the Employment of Mass Care Resources
  - b. Multiagency Feeding Support Plan Template
4. This document contains references to non-federal resources and materials. Such references do not constitute an endorsement by the U.S. government, or any of its employees, of the information or content which a non-federal resource or material provides.

### REFERENCES

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2. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019